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LI LI-SAN ENGAGES IN SELF-CRITICISM

On 7 January 1952, Li Li-san, Minister of Labor, before a meeting of the workers of the All-China Federation of Labor and its affiliated organs, confessed that he was guilty of the malpractice of "bureaucracy," according to a report of the Peiping Kung-jen Jih-pao of 9 January.

Speaking as vice-chairman of the All-China Federation of Labor, Li Li-san disclosed his failure to confer with the workers of the All-China Federation of Labor and the top officers of the trade unions. His self-criticism was made in the course of his criticism of corruption, waste, and bureaucracy within the federation.

The Kung-jen Jih-pao report follows:

"Vice-Chairman Li Li-san also criticized his own bureaucratic habits. He said: 'I have had very few conferences with the workers in the organs of the All-China Federation of Labor. I have not had any good conferences with the chairmen or vice-chairmen of some of the trade unions. These are the important cadres of the ACFL, without understanding these people, how can our work be carried on successfully?'

"Vice-Chairman Li Li-san criticized the shortcomings of the ideological leadership of the ACFL, its paucity of political atmosphere, and its insufficient teaching of Communism to the cadres saying this lack is the chief cause for the development of corruption and waste."

An editorial in the same issue of the Kung-jen Jih-pao, attacked the top party and organization leadership for the corruption, waste, and bureaucracy within the federation, commenting as follows:

"Why are there manifestations of serious corruption and waste in the leadership organs of the ACFL and the trade unions? Obviously this /corruption and waste/ is the result of the serious bureaucracy that exists in the leadership.

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"Although the ACFL, under the direct leadership of the Central Committee of the party and with the support of the working masses of the entire nation, has done some work and achieved definite results during the past 2 years, nevertheless there are some serious deviations in the leadership ideology and in the habits of leadership. The most important reason for the eruption of serious bureaucracy is this: after victory was won, the leadership of the ACFL did not adequately understand that its most important tasks were the revival and development of production and the necessity for complete devotion to the protection of the nation's property; instead, the leadership was steeped with the ideology and habits of the capitalist and petit bourgeoisie classes."

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